

PUBLIC NOTICE  
WEST FORK TIMBER CREEK TIMBER SALE

The Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, Missoula Unit, is considering timber management activities on the following state owned parcels:

Section 15, T19N – R30W (Public Building Trust)  
Section 16, T19N – R30W (Common School Trust)  
Section 17, T19N – R30W (Common School Trust)

These parcels are located approximately 1.5 miles northwest of Haugan, Montana in the Timber Creek drainage.

The objective of the proposed harvest is to generate revenue for the Public Building and Common School Trusts in a manner which will produce long- term income for the trusts by managing intensively for healthy and biologically diverse forests.

The proposed harvest would remove approximately 1 -2 million board feet of timber utilizing a combination of commercial thinning, seedtree, shelterwood and selection harvests on approximately 217 acres from four parcels which were recently acquired by the DNRC from the U.S. Forest Service through the Lolo Land Exchange.

The DNRC is in the scoping phase of the project environmental assessment in which issues and concerns related to the project are identified. Neighboring landowners, wildlife biologists, hydrologists, soil scientists, archeologists and the public will have an opportunity to comment. All comments concerning this proposal should be submitted by **August 19, 2011** and directed to:

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